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## SAVE FOOD Initiative on Food Loss and Waste Reduction in Europe and Central Asia

### A Series of Impact Webinars

International attention on the issue of food loss and waste is firmly reflected in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Specifically, Target 12.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which embody this agenda, calls for the halving by 2030 of per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and the reduction of food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses. Many countries are already taking action to reduce food loss and waste, but the challenges ahead remain significant, and we need to step up efforts.

Being a complex issue, food loss and waste prevention and reduction requires an integrated, holistic approach, with measures to be taken at each stage of the food supply chain and involving all key players from the public and private sectors.

In this regard, FAO in Europe and Central Asia organizes a series of online talks – Impact Webinars – aimed to identify and promote good practices and inspire transformative interventions to prevent and reduce food loss and waste along the whole food supply chain.

Accordingly, each webinar will focus on a specific stage of the food supply chain – from production to consumption, offering practical and evidence-based solutions to the issue that may be replicated or scaled up at national or regional level.

The series of webinars will:

- Bring together experts, policy-makers and organizations to exchange knowledge, develop solutions and mobilize ideas to take action toward food loss and waste reduction.
- Showcase the latest solutions, new ideas, tools, and approaches to food loss and waste reduction.
- Inspire decision-makers, public sector, and civil society to drive action.

#### FORMAT

The 90 - 120 minutes webinars will comprise three sections: (1) key presentation, introducing the problem at a particular stage of the food supply chain and proposing solutions, (2) case studies from the region, highlighting local efforts by various stakeholders and experts, and (3) a Q&A session.

#### SPEAKERS

The speakers will comprise the representatives of public and private sectors, as well as non-governmental organizations, thereby allowing to address the issue of food loss and waste at different levels and from different points of view.

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## Webinar I

### **Harvest and post-harvest practices to reduce food loss and waste**

Food losses occurring between harvest and retail sale, also known as post-harvest losses, is a key challenge undermining food security and income generation in many countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Post-harvest losses have significant nutritional, environmental, and financial impacts for both farmers and consumers. Thus, by preventing losses at the early stages in food supply chains, we can increase the availability of food without requiring additional resources or placing additional burden on the environment. Thus, harvest and post-harvest loss reduction is of high importance in an effort to combat hunger, raise income and improve food security and livelihoods for vulnerable people.

Given the strategic dimension of this topic, farmers and producers shall be aware of and apply appropriate harvest and post-harvest management practices to prevent deterioration in quality, loss and waste, and increase in prices for consumers as a result.

The FAO's Impact Webinar will highlight some concepts and problems of harvest and post-harvest food loss and waste and present solutions and cases of effective intervention to reduce these losses.

The Programme is enclosed in Annex I.

## Annex I.

### Impact Webinar I: Harvest and post-harvest practices to reduce food loss and waste

Date: 14 April 2021

Time: 10:00 – 12:15 CET

#### Programme

Tine	Topic and speaker
10:00 - 10:05	Introduction
10:05 - 10:35	Topic: <i>How science and innovation help reduce food losses across the agri-food chain (part I)</i>  Speakers: Josianne Cloutier and Hans de Wild, Wageningen University & Research
10:35 - 10:45	Q&A
10:45 – 11:15	Topic: <i>How science and innovation help reduce food losses across the agri-food chain (part II)</i>  Speakers: Josianne Cloutier and Hans de Wild, Wageningen University & Research
11:15 – 11:25	Q&A / break
11:25 – 11:40	Topic: <i>Importance of good practices in improving value chains and preventing and reducing food loss and waste. Case I: Strengthening berries value chain in Moldova.</i>  Speaker: Dr. Anotolie Fala, National Agency for Rural Development (ACSA)
11:40 – 11:55	Topic: <i>Importance of good practices in improving value chains and preventing and reducing food loss and waste. Case II: Field study on FLW in six value chains in North Macedonia. Key findings and recommendations.</i>  Speaker: Blazhe Josifovski, Ajde Makedonija, North Macedonia
11:55 – 12:15	Q&A and closing remarks